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SUBJECT: FARAKKA TALKS BEGIN IN DACCA

REF: NEW DELHI 17541

1. INDO-BANGLADESH MINISTERIAL LEVEL TALKS ON THE FARAKKA
ISSUE BEGAN IN DACCA MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 6.

2. THE THIRTEEN-MEMBER BANGLADESH DELEGATION IS LED BY
ADMIRAL KHAN. HE IS ASSISTED BY B.M. ABBAS, PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISOR ON FLOOD CONTROL, FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK
HUSAIN, FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER RESOURCES SECRETARY
SULTANUZZAMAN KHAN AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS.

3. ADMIRAL KHAN, HOSTING A WELCOMING DINNER LAST NIGHT, DE-
CLARED THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT BANGLA-
DESH AND INDIA COULD REDUCE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY CLEAR
APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER'S DIFFICULTIES. JAGJIVAN
RAM, LEADER OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION, REPLIED THAT HE
HOPED THAT BANGLADESH AND INDIA WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME
THEIR PROBLEMS TO CEMENT THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THEM.

4. COMMENT. THERE IS A FEELING IN DACCA THAT THIS TIME,
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PROGRESS MUST BE MADE. AS THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER STATED:

"THE TALKS, WE MAY HUMBLY POINT OUT, MUST SUCCEED BECAUSE
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO A STATE OF FRIENDLY AND PEACEFUL
CO-EXISTENCE OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES."
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